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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: D. Buchholz, et al.

Application No. 09/780,916

Filed: February 9, 2001

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
ENCODING AND DECODING PAUSE
INFORMATION

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Response to Restriction RequirementMail Stop
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Dear Sir:

This refers to the Restriction Requirement dated January 15, 2004, relative to the above-identified patent application. Applicant elects to prosecute Invention Group II, claims 25-38, and 57-68, drawing to a method/apparatus for decoding and reconstructing digital audio at the receiver, classified in class 370, subclass 476.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any related fees from Howrey Simon Arnold & White, LLP Deposit Account 08-30308/07942.0011.NPUS00.

Respectfully submitted,

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